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1. (Amended) A lighting device comprising an optic light guide for receiving light from a light source and propagating light therethrough via internal reflection, said light guide having a free end that emits directional light, and a sleeve surrounding said free end, said sleeve having an aperture axially outwardly spaced from said free end through which a beam of light from said free end passes, said sleeve being selectively axially movable in and out relative to said free end prior to and during use of the device to vary the distance between said aperture and said free end to vary the size of the beam of light passing through said aperture.

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3. (Amended). The lighting device of claim 1 further comprising a lens attached to said sleeve, said lens covering said aperture to focus the beam of light passing through said aperture by moving said sleeve in or out relative to said free end of said light guide.

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5. (Amended). The lighting device of claim 1 further comprising a translucent or transparent protective cover surrounding said light guide, said protective cover having a closed end that covers said free end of said light guide, said sleeve surrounding said protective cover and being axially movable in and out relative to said protective cover.

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8. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 5 further comprising a connecting member attached to an other end of said light guide remote from said free end, said protective cover being sealed against said connecting member.

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15. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 1 wherein said light guide is flexible, further comprising a flexible protective cover surrounding said light guide, and a malleable wire extending between a portion of said light guide and said protective cover, said malleable wire being bendable to hold the shape of said portion of said light guide once arranged in a desired position.

16. (Amended) A lighting device for illuminating a viewing area comprising a light distributor for receiving light from a light source and propagating light therethrough via internal reflection, a light emitter for receiving light propagated by the light distributor and emitting directional light from a free end of said light emitter, and a sleeve surrounding said free end of said light emitter, said sleeve having an aperture axially outwardly spaced from said free end through which the directional light from said free end is beamed, said sleeve being selectively axially movable in and out relative to said free end of said light emitter prior to and during use of said device, said sleeve containing a lens covering said aperture to focus the beam of light passing through said aperture by moving said sleeve and thus said lens in or out relative to said free end of said light emitter.

19. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 16 wherein said light emitter also emits diffuse light along a portion of the length of said light emitter immediately adjacent said free end.

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20. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 16 further comprising a translucent or transparent protective cover surrounding said light emitter, said protective cover having a closed end covering said free end of said light emitter, and said sleeve surrounding said closed end of said protective cover and being axially movable in and out relative to said protective cover.

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29. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 16 wherein said light emitter is flexible, and a malleable member extends along one side only of said light emitter, said malleable member being bendable to hold the shape of said light emitter once arranged in a desired position.

30. (Amended) The lighting device of claim 29 further comprising a flexible protective cover surrounding said light emitter and said malleable member, said sleeve surrounding said protective cover and being axially movable in and out relative to said protective cover.

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Please cancel claims 2, 4, 7, 17, 18, 24 and 31 without prejudice and add the following new claim:

AS 32. (New) The lighting device of claim 1 wherein said sleeve has an outer end wall axially outwardly spaced from said free end containing said aperture, said aperture having a substantially smaller diameter than the inner diameter of said sleeve adjacent said outer end wall.

Marked-up versions of the above amended claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 15, 16, 19, 20, 29 and 30 are included in an Appendix attached hereto.